Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(a) No necessity was felt for it since the principles of Mohammedan Law were considered quite adequate.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With regard to (b) may I know the reasons ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—There is the answer there, that no necessity was felt for it since the principles of Mohammedan Law were considered quite adequate. That is the reason for (b), (d) and (d) too. I thought that the complaint was that we were copying the British Indian enactments too often.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Without looking into the fact whether there is any recent enactment there how will the Government be in a position to say that they are of the kind mentioned by the Hon'ble Member ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Government are aware of certain recent legislations and so far as the Government are at present aware the answer is right.

69. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state whether they have read the British Indian Act, No. XIV of 1920 (The Charitable and Religious Trusts Act of 1920) (vide Book No. 817 in the Cochin Council Library)?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Yes.

Legislative Council Proceedings—printing of.

70. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question 423, dated 28th March 1933, regarding late printing of Legislative Council Proceedings, will the Government state):—

(a) how they have kept up their promise "certainly".

(b) the number of months that have elapsed since their promise in (a) ;

(c) whether the Proceedings of the last Meenam Meeting (1109) were all printed before the last Budget Meeting began ;

(d) why they could not keep their promise in such a small matter during all these two long years (vide a, b and c)?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(a) Necessary instructions have been issued to expedite the printing of the Proceedings.

(b) 19 months.

(c) No.

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(d) The promise has been kept up. Everything possible is being done to avoid delay in the publication of the Proceedings.

71. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) the number and nature of all the instances wherein the Proceedings of a preceding Meeting could not be published fully in print before the following Meeting ever since—

(1) the Cochin Legislative Council was formed ;

(2) during the third Council ;

(b) what they have been doing to prevent the defect indicated by (a) ;

(c) what more they intend to do to avoid the delay?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(a) (1) Within the limited time available it is not possible to quote the instances, if any, in respect of the first and second Councils.

(2) A few of such instances during the life of the third Council are given below:—

Date of the Meeting.	*Date of the publication of the last day's Proceedings*
Vrischigam 1107	9—11—1107
Kumbham 1107	30—11—1107
Makaram 1109	24—10—1109
Kumbham 1109	30—11—1109
Meenam 1109	29— 1—1110

(b) Arrangements have been made to get ready the transcripts of the speeches within 24 hours from the time the speeches are delivered. These transcripts are also given to the Members within the said time for revision, but generally they are returned late. Two and sometimes even more reminders are sent to the Members requesting them to return their speeches revised. The Press Superintendent has been requested to attend to the printing work without causing any delay.

(c) All possible steps are being taken to expedite the printing of the Council Proceedings so as to render the official reports of a meeting available to the Members before the date of the following meeting.

Legislative Council questions—answering of.

72. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to their "Yes" to the question "Is it not a fact that the major portion of the questions received has been answered in the Council" (vide Question 436, dated 28th March 1933), will the Government

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